



MAY 2023 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. Please follow all current COVID guidelines; visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid) for more guidance. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

VISITOR CENTER

OPEN 6 days a week:

- Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Open Monday, May 29, 10 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed with our dynamic exhibit dioramas. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center also includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls.

ONGOING,
MAY 7—
JUNE 30

GREAT HALL EXHIBIT:

VISIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY

This group show showcases work from regional artists featuring the nature of the Connecticut River, all in support of the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center.

FRIDAYS,
May 5 & 12

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR

5/5: Birds; 5/12: Fish; Great Hall

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors who share our home. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Siblings and friends welcome.

FRIDAYS,
MAY 5, 12,
19 & 26

NICE & EASY WALKS

1:00—2:00 p.m., Main Entrance

An easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all ages. Join others seeking fresh air and exercise. A DCR Park Interpreter highlights natural and local history along the way. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and sturdy footwear.

SUNDAY,
MAY 7

GREAT HALL RECEPTION AND FUNDRAISER:

VISIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY

1:30 p.m. Puppet parade starts at Peskeompskut Park

2:00—4:00 p.m., Reception in Great Hall

Join musicians, artists, and puppeteers in a celebration of the nature of the Connecticut River watershed. The fun begins at 1:30 p.m. at Peskeompskut Park where MuZen Theater puppeteers start a parade down Avenue A to Great Falls Discovery Center. Then, enjoy the group art show, *Visions of the Connecticut River Valley* in our Great Hall. The reception starts at 2 p.m. including performances by Stephen Katz, The Panthalasa Trio, and more, with storytelling and poetry interludes. Refreshments available for sliding scale donations—no one turned away. Refreshment and art sale proceeds benefit the artists and the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center.

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221, greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org

coming events



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PROGRAMS CONTINUED

ONGOING,
MAY 11—
JUNE 27

STORY WALK—*RUBY'S BIRDS*

Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! Join us on the center's grounds for a free self-guided StoryWalk® featuring the children's picture book *Ruby's Birds* by Mya Thompson, for readers ages 3-7 and everyone who celebrates birds. Follow the path to book pages posted along the route.

*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

FRIDAY,
MAY 12

GREAT FALLS COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS:

ELOISE & CO., 7:00—9:00 p.m., Great Hall

The Coffeehouse is back! Join us spring, summer, and fall for the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center's concert series featuring local talent. Enjoy Celtic, contra dance, and folk music from Eloise & Co. Refreshments available. Sliding scale suggested donations, all in support of educational programming at the Center.

SATURDAY,
MAY 13

ART NATURALLY SERIES

10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Great Hall

Discover nature through story, poetry, and art in our series of FREE Art Naturally programs. Using words and images, instruction and techniques you create an art piece inspired by the natural world to take home. For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). All materials are free.

SATURDAY,
MAY 20

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

1:00—3:30 p.m. Great Hall and outdoors

Commemorate the 347th Anniversary of the Great Falls Massacre, outdoors weather permitting, or in the Great Hall. Tribal members and non-Tribal public are welcome. Honored guests include members of the Chaubunagungamaug Band of Nipmuck Indians Council and the Elnu Abenaki. For more information visit: www.nolumbekaproject.org. Free and open to all. Co-sponsored by the Nolumbeka Project, River Valley Co-op, and DCR. Light refreshments available, including cookies donated by Stone Soup Cafe.

SUNDAY
MAY 28

NICE & EASY WALK: WEEKEND EDITION

1:00—2:00 p.m., Main Entrance

An easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all ages. Get some fresh air and exercise. A DCR Park Interpreter highlights natural and local history along the way. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and sturdy boots.

SUNDAY,
JUNE 4

SAVE THE DATE!

16TH ANNUAL FREE FAMILY FISHING DAY

Our annual Family Fishing Day, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at Barton Cove, with additional activities at the Great Falls Discovery Center. Join us for a day of FREE fishing fun. Adults and children of all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Event is held rain or shine. Parking is free at each site. More details coming soon!